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Dear Van Tien:

This letter is in response to your July 9, 2025, request (Log #DOC-NIST-2025-000626) to the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) office for:

**“This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. Sec. 552.**

**I would like to request:**

- 1. A complete copy of every original footage recorded by NIST used in the video "NIST Video: Why the Building (WTC7) Fell - <https://youtu.be/bERV6IRbXeM>" (URL: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PK\\_iBYSqEsc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PK_iBYSqEsc), from now called the Video), such as the interview with Shyam Sunder or a scene of a computer screen showing the Physics-Based Visualization of WTC 7 Collapse Initiation;**
- 2. A complete copy of script(s) for the Video, if any;**
- 3. Email(s) sent and/or received by the Public Affairs Office from March 1st, 2008 to March 1st, 2009 related to the production of the Video”.**

We are unable to process your FOIA request as submitted because we are not sure what information you are seeking. Specifically, the NIST program office noted that the request cites two different videos. The first link is an overview of the investigation (not specific to WTC 7 and is newer) and the second link refers to the WTC 7 collapse and is older. Please specify which video you are seeking information on.

The FOIA, which can be found in Title 5 of the United States Code, section 552, provides that a person may obtain access to federal agency records, except to the extent that such records are protected from public disclosure. The FOIA does not, however, provide access to records held by Congress or the federal courts, by state or local government agencies, or by private businesses or individuals.

A FOIA request can be made for any agency record that is not publicly available. If you wish to pursue your request, please describe as best as possible the records you are requesting. In your description include information such as the date and place the records were created, the file descriptions, subject matter, persons involved, and other pertinent details that will help identify the records. For your convenience, FOIA information can be viewed from <http://www.nist.gov/director/foia/>. Other helpful FOIA information can be found at: <http://www.usdoj.gov/oip/index.html>.



If we do not receive clarification or revised request within 30 days from date of this letter, we will assume that you are no longer interested in receiving the documents requested and your FOIA request will be closed.

Sincerely,

Amy Egan  
Acting Freedom of Information Act Officer